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Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Bolton, 8 mo. 12, 1886.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Sarah Marble, Maria Aldrich, Avis B. Steere, & Desire F. Aldrich; Uxbridge, Abigail Wheeler, Phebe M. Pitts, Salome C. Wheeler, & Sarah J. Swift; Bolton, Alice M. Wheeler, and Joanna H. Kimmens, who being called are present, except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The committee named at our last meeting to confer with suitable Friends to serve this meeting as clerks, report unity with Salome C. Wheeler as Clerk and Sarah J. Swift as Assistant, which having the approval of this meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report a full attendance.

A Report of the Boarding School at Providence has been read in this meeting, approved of and satisfaction with the school was expressed.

Our beloved friend, Jesse McPherson, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Cane Creek Mo. Meeting, indorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting held at Spring, Alimance Co. N. C. His company and Gospel services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as men Friends may prepare. Also the company and services of members of the Committee on Gospel Work have been very acceptable and encouraging to us.

Uxbridge Mo. Meeting informs us they are united in the appointment of George Sanford Southwick to the station of Elder, which appointment this meeting approves.

Under a fresh sense of the mercy and goodness of God to us at this time we conclude, purposing to meet at Woonsocket 11 mo. next, if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 11. 1886.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this are-from Smithfield, Thisbe Andrews, Phebe Marble, Avis B. Steere, and Alice Chanston; from Uxbridge, Mary R. Hadwen, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, and Adeline L. F. Daniels; from Bolton, Abbie W. Randall and Susie M. Wheeler, who being called are present, except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have in attendance at this meeting our beloved friend, Stephen Cartland, with a minute of concurrence from Durham Mo. Meeting of Friends, held at So. Durham, Me. His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as men Friends may prepare.

Our esteemed friend, Jesse McPherson, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Cane Creek Mo. Meeting, indorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting, held at Spring, Alimance Co. N.C. His company and Gospel services have been very acceptable to us. We also have the very acceptable company of several Friends without certificates whose Gospel labors have been very acceptable and encouraging to us.

A minute has been received from the Representative Meeting, recommending that we maintain faithful loyalty to the Yearly Meeting and its injunction in regard to our testimony against outward ordinances.

Adeline L. F. Daniels, Lidora Briggs, Sarah A. Marble, Sarah J. Wheeler, and Sarah J. Swift are appointed to confer with a similar committee of men Friends to take into consideration the subject of holding an Educational Conference in our Quarterly Meeting.

Rejoicing in this fresh proof of the Great Shepherd's care of this portion of His flock, manifested in sending so many of His faithful ministers amongst us, bearing messages freighted with love and encouragement, we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester 2 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Worcester, 2 mo. 10, 1887.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are – from Smithfield, Mary A. Battey, Maria Aldrich, Avis B. Steere and Phebe A. Marble; from Upbridge, Maria Rockewood, Salome C. Wheeler, Phebe M. Pitts, & Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Alice M. Dow and Abbie W. Randall, who being called, are present, except three; for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Upbridge Mo. Meeting informs they are united in the appointment of Emma C. Swift and Calvin Rockewood to the station of Elder, with which appointment this meeting concurs, and Mary R. Hadwen is named to inform Emma C. Swift of her appointment. Bolton Mo. Meeting informs they are united in approving the names of Sarah J. Wheeler, Paul A. Randall, Abbie W. Randall, and Alice M. Wheeler as members of the Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, with which approval this meeting also unites.

Our esteemed friend, Chas. W. Goddard, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Durham Mo. Meeting of Friends, held in joint session at So. Durham, Me. 11 mo. 16, 1886. His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as men Friends may prepare.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in Northbridge 5 mo. next if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Northbridge, 5 mo. 12, 1887.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this are – from Smithfield, Avis B. Steere, Maria Aldrich, and Pollie F. Briggs; from Upbridge, Emma C. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Maria Rockwood, & Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Alice M. Dow and Joanna H. Kinnens, who being called, are all present except two; for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired, our Friends, Mary R. Hadwen, Lydia Haight, and Mary A. Battey are requested to confer with suitable Friends for that service and report at our next meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our

Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared which we will forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Lydia Haight, Susan Ann Gifford, Salome C. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Marie Aldrich, & Dorcas H. Wheeler, who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

Smithfield Mo. Meeting reports it has approved the following Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, viz. James S. Read, Geo. H. Varney, Jennie Allyn, Mary A. Battey, and Desire T. Aldrich, with which approval this meeting unites. Mary R. Hadwen reports she has informed Emma C. Swift of her appointment to the station of Elder.

We have had the very acceptable company of Friends from neighboring Quarterly Meetings whose company and Gospel labors have been cheering and encouraging to us.

Thankfully receiving the fresh proofs given to-day of His unchanging love who bowed His head in suffering that we might be redeemed from the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God, we conclude, purposing to meet in Bolton 6 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

Summary.

Ans. 1st. With the exception of midweek meetings in two Preparative meetings and two First day meetings, our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Most Friends attend them duly and near the hour appointed. No unbecoming behavior noticed except in one instance.

2d. Love and unity genually maintained. Detraction guarded against. No differences apparent

3d. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and endeavor by example and precept to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families and their children encouraged in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is generally maintained.

5th. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

6th. There is a care to perform all the requirements of this query.

7th. We believe Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. The several requirements of this query are carefully observed.

9th. Friends have been prompt to record all marriages, births, deaths, & burials. Some removals without certificates and a few Friends have come amongst us in whose behalf certificates will probably soon be presented.

10th. The discipline is administered, we trust, in Christian tenderness and impartially.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Bolton, 8 mo. 11, 1887.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings inform the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Mary A. Butler, Clarissa H. Reed, Ann B. Steere, Maria Aldrich; from Uxbridge, Phebe R. Tillinghast, Abigail Wheeler, Mercy Rockwood; from Bolton, Jeanie H. Simmons and Salome C. Wheeler, who are present except one.

The Committee named at our last meeting to confer with suitable friends to serve this meeting as clerks, report the names of Salome C. Wheeler as Clerk and Sarah J. Swift as Assistant; with which report this meeting unites and they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report a full attendance with one exception.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read in this meeting and approved. An epistle to the sick and afflicted was read at this time, to our edification. The London General Epistle was read at this time.

The Committee having in charge the subject of forming auxiliaries to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society are — Alice M. Dow, Abbie H. Randall, Sarah J. Swift, Lydia Haight, Mary A. Butler, Ann B. Steere.

With hearts warmed and cheered by a Saviour's love, we conclude, purposing to meet in Woonsocket 11 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 10, 1887.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings inform the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Phebe R. Aldrich, Phebe B. Barnes, Ann B. Steere, Maria Aldrich and Chloe A. Boyce; from Uxbridge, Ann K. Colton, Salome C. Wheeler, Emma C. Swift, & Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler and Lydia H. Dow, who are present, except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

Our beloved friend, John B. Cartland, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Windham Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Hebron, 10 mo. 21, 1887. His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as Men Friends may propose.

We have also the company of several Friends from neighboring Quarterly Meetings, whose company and Gospel services have been very acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Under a sense of the precious presence and covering of the Spirit whose promise of meeting with his people has been fulfilled in a marked degree to-day, we conclude purposing to meet in Worcester 2d mo. next, if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Worcester 2 mo. 9, 1865.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings as from the representatives to them are — from Smithfield, Alice K. Cranston, Phebe A. Marble and Mary A. Bailey; from Uxbridge, Abigail Wheeler, Susan H. Wheeler, and Hannah Rockwood; from Milton, Martha H. Wheeler and Julia A. Day, who being called are present, except Ann for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend, Charlotte D. Holmes, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Providence Mo. Meeting held at Providence 10 mo. 26, 1865. Her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to give her an extract of this minute.

An excellent and instructive epistle from Baltimore was read in this meeting to our edification.

The business of our meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet in Northbridge 5 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Smithfield 5 mo. 12, 1887.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings in the within named are - from Smithfield, Ann B. Steere, Mary A. Bailey, Rebecca A. Sumner, and Desire S. Aldrich; from Wayland, Salome C. Wheeler, Adelia L. Daniels, Mary R. Hadwen, and Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Lucy C. Wheeler and Abbie N. Kimball, who being called, are present except Sec.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired, Mary A. Bailey, Ann B. Steere, and Mercy Eastwood were nominated to compose with members of Friends to serve the meeting in that capacity the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend, Nathan Douglas a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Durham Monthly Meeting held at So. Durham, Me.

Our dear friend, Rufus King, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Springfield Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Prep. Yearly Meeting, held at Springfield, East Va. N. C. The company and Gospel labors of these dear Friends have been very acceptable and encouraging to us, and we desire to remember them in our Friendly sympathy.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which it appears that [illegible] which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Mary A. Bailey, Mary A. Bailey, Abigail Steere, Ann B. Steere, Adelia L. Daniels, Mercy E. Wheeler, and Salome C. Wheeler, who are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Interesting reports from the auxiliaries to the W. F. M. Union were read from Woonsocket and Bolton and much sympathy and encouragement was expressed for this work.

Acknowledging with gratitude the goodness of our Heavenly Father in spreading for us such a feast as this time, we now conclude, [illegible] to meet at Bolton 8 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

Summary.

1st. Ist. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held. Meetings on First day well attended, mid-week meetings small. The love one for another.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained. Detraction and backbiting guarded against. No difference appeared.

3d. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a Christian

and reputations, and to train them children in accordance with our Christian principles.

4th. We believe Friends should support the Holy Scriptures in doctrine and in every detail literally. Generally faithful as to a pure Gospel ministry.

5th. Friends are generally clear in regard to the requirements of this query.

6th. Care is taken in the requirements of this query.

7th. Our testimonies are generally maintained by parents & families.

8th. Friends frequently neglect their offices and settle their accounts. Usually find cause to be permitted and part in the payment of their debts and comfort to find within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Careful as to records. One Friend has come within the limits without a certificate.

10th. The disciplinary work is administered in a Christian manner and impartially.

## Statistics.

| | Men Friends | Women Friends | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Deaths | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Received by Certificate | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| " " Request | 2 | | 2 |
| Children between 4 & 21 yrs | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| " " 12 & 21 " | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| " attending school | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| " " school in care of Friends | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Received & released | 3 | | 3 |
| Disowned | | 1 | 1 |
| Members | 104 | 134 | 238 |

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Bolton
Time of 1881.

Minutes from our several Monthly Meetings inform us that
members to this are — from Smithfield, Alice R. Cartwright,
E. Barnes, Sarah Keech, and Rebecca A. Inman; from Uxbridge,
Sarah J. Swift, Mary Eastwood, and Abigail Wheeler; from
Bolton, Frances H. Robinson and Alice M. Day, who being called
are present; report one for whose absence an sufficient reason
was given assigned.

The Committee named at our last meeting to confer with
suitable Friends to serve the meeting as clerks, report the name
of Talcott C. Wheeler as Clerk and Sarah J. Swift as Assistant
Whereupon report this meeting unites with them are appointed
to that service for the ensuing year.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report a full attendance.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the 1st, 3rd
and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Uxbridge Mo. Meeting reports unity with the name of Mary
Eastwood as a member of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight
and Bolton Mo. Meeting with the names of Talcott Wheeler,
Alice Day, Mary M. Day, Adelaide L. Wheeler, and Abbie E.
Wheeler as members of the same meeting. This meeting unites
with them appointments for the ensuing two years.

John Colby, a minister, attended this meeting with a
minute of concurrence from Back Creek Mo. Meeting, held
at Back Creek, Grant Co. Ind., endorsed by Northern Yearly
Yearly Meeting. His company and Gospel services have been
very acceptable to us. We also have the company of other
dear Friends at intervals, whose company and
Gospel labors were truly acceptable to us.

With earnest prayer that the loving counsel we have
received at this time may prove fruitful for our future good
in every sacrificial service to our Blessed Master who yielded
His life for us, we conclude, purposing to meet in Bolton
at 11 month next. Talcott C. Wheeler, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 5. 1888.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings informs the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Rachel Steere, Lois A. Mowry, Esther Esten, and Rebecca A. Inman; from Uxbridge, Sarah J. Smith, Anna Hazard Rockwood, Abigail Wheeler, and Dorcas H. Wheeler; from Bolton, Susan C. Wheeler and Alice M. Day, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester 2mo next, if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Worcester 2 mo. 14, 1889.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings informs the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Phebe A. Marble, Anna Aldrich and Rebecca A. Inman; from Uxbridge, Salome C. Wheeler, Lydia A. Chalfe and Dorcas H. Wheeler; from Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler and Joanna H. Rexmond, who being called are all present.

Bolton Monthly Meeting informs they have united in proposing the names of Paul Randall, Abby W. Randall, Sarah J. Wheeler, and Alice M. Wheeler as members of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight for the ensuing two years, which action on the part of that meeting had the concurrence of this.

The Queries with the required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Smithfield Mo. Meeting informs that they have united with the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public appearance in the ministry of John Metcalfe which, after a season of deliberation, this meeting concurs, rejoicing that the Lord of the harvest is sending laborers into his harvest field.

We have with us, at this time, the company of several ministers from other Quarterly Meetings whose sweet and Gospel labors have been very profitable and edifying to us.

Earnestly desiring the good seed sown may not fall on barren ground but bring forth fruit, we conclude, purposing to meet in Smithfield 5 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Eldridge, 2 mo. 7, 1879.

Minutes from our several Monthly Meetings informs the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Anna B. Comstock, Ann B. Steere, and Elmore T. Aldrich; from Uptridge, Sarah J. Swift, Lydia L. Phelps, Ann Rockwood and Abigail Wheeler; from Bolton, Frenda H. Kinnicutt and Rhea M. Bow, who being called are all present.

The Essay in which the Scriptures are appointed having expired, our friends, Sarah Osborne, Ann B. Steere, and Susan Ann Gifford, are requested to confer with suitable Friends for that service and report to our next meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Portland Me., to attend which as our representatives we appoint Mary A. Bailey, Hannah Sprague, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Susan E. Wheeler, Salome C. Wheeler, and Susan Ann Gifford, who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our meeting.

A report from the auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society was read by Salome C. Wheeler, the Vice President, at this time.

Our dear friend, Jesse H. Wilcox, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Barclay Mo. Meeting, indorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting, held at Pebble, Shawnee Co. Kansas, His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as our Friend may prepare.

The services of other Friends without certificates have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

Smithfield Ohio Meeting reports they have united in the appointment of Mary A. Bailey to the station of Elder, and also in the appointment of James L. Ford, Lee F. Varney, Jennie Allyn, Daniel J. Aldrich and Sarah A. Hoffa as alternate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, with which appointments this meeting concurs, these Friends uniting therewith.

Thirza Andrews, a member and elder of Smithfield Mo. Meeting, deceased 2 mo. 25, 1879, aged 69 years and 10 months.

Uptridge Monthly Meeting reports they are united in appointing Ann Gifford and offering the public appearance in the ministry of Sarah J. Swift, with which action this meeting concurs; also that Mary L. Hadley, a member and elder of that meeting, deceased 1 mo. 17, 1879, aged 71 years, 1 month, and 11 days.

Bolton Mo. Meeting informs that Elizabeth W. Babcock,

member and elder of that meeting, deceased 5 mo. 2, 1888, aged 79 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Our business being accomplished for this time, we conclude purposing to meet in Bolton 5 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

Summary.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except 5 which were omitted on account of inclement weather. Those on First-day morning attended by most Friends. An improvement in the attendance of mid-week meetings. The hours nearly observed.

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction guarded against. No differences have appeared.

3d. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, though a stricter attention thereto would be commendable. Some care is taken to train those under our care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, encourage others in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry generally maintained.

5th. We believe Friends are free from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and strictly adhere with regard to the other parts of this query.

6th. Due attendance of the poor are attended to.

7th. No violations of this query with a slight exception in regard to [illegible].

8th. We [illegible] particular to observe [illegible] requisitions.

9th. Friends careful in regard to records. None removed from, but one come amongst us without certificate during the past year.

10th. The discipline has been administered with tenderness and impartiality; perhaps not always as timely as would be desirable.

Statistics.

| | Smithfield | Uxbridge | Bolton |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Deaths | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Rec'd by certificate | 0 | 3 | |
| " " request | 1 | 2 | |
| Removed | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Dismissed & released | 1 | 1 | |
| Children less. 4th 21. | 9 | 12 | 12 |
| " " 12 " 21 | 1 | 6 | 13 |
| " attending school | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| " at Friends' School | 2 | | 8 |
| Whole No. in our care | 13 | 18 | 43 |

At a [illegible] Monthly Meeting held at [illegible] 1st, 1st mo. 1894.

Minutes from our several Monthly Meetings informing the representatives to this meeting from Smithfield, Mary A. Batty, Anna R. Cranston, and Esther [illegible] Wheeler; from Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler and Alice R. [illegible] who being called are present except two, for the absence of one of whom [illegible]

The committee appointed at our last meeting to unite with Friends to arrange for holding a public meeting reported the name of Salome L. Wheeler as clerk and Sarah J. Wheeler as assistant, with which report this meeting unites and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report but one exception to a full attendance. For the absence of this one a satisfactory reason was given.

The Epistles have been read with interest to the 3d, 5th and 6th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our Heartfelt, a minute attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Upper Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting, and signed by the clerks of Bear Creek Meeting. Her company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend, Alice C. Thomas, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting. Her company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign such a minute as these Friends may prepare.

The company and gospel services of other dear Friends without minutes have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

The Report of the Boarding School at Barnesville was read at this time.

A committee to correspond with the Gospel committee was appointed at this time and consists of the following named Friends: Alice C. Thomas, Esther Osborne, Mary A. Batty, and Abigail Hunter.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude by joining in prayer in Memorial Silence.

Salome L. Wheeler
Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Mendon 1st mo. 14, 1884.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings where the representatives to this are — Smithfield, Polly T. Wright, Hannah Sprague, Rebecca A. Inman, and Phebe A. Fowler; Uxbridge, Lucy Killey, Abigail Wheeler, Emma C. Swift and Adeline L. T. Daniels; Mendon Sarah J. Wheeler and Susan B. Wheeler, who being called are present except one who was detained at home by sickness.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The report of the committee of Indian Friends approved to and the Treasurer's account was received and approved, and unity was expressed with the reappointment of Richard Battey as Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Our dear friends, Stephen Cartland, a minister with whom we have unity, laid before this meeting a prospect of religious service in Canada and Iowa Yearly Meetings. His prospect has received the approval of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. This meeting is united in directing the clerk to sign such a minute as our Friends shall prepare.

With living gratitude to our blessed Master who has manifested his love to us at this time in such a marked degree, we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester, 2 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Worcester, 2 mo. 13, 1890.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this are — from Smithfield, Hattie B. Metcalfe, Mary A. Battey, and Avis B. Steere; from Uxbridge, Salome C. Wheeler, Deborah P. Thurston, Phebe H. Pitts, Maria Rockwood, and Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Abbie W. Randall and Alice M. Dow, who being called, are all present.

Our beloved friend, Frank E. Jones, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting. His company and gospel service have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read with the required answers to the 1st 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have with us the acceptable company of Friends from other Quarterly Meetings without minutes, whose services in the Gospel have been acceptable to us.

Realizing the Master has to-day called us anew to come up higher into a closer walk with him, with thanksgiving and praise for this fresh token of his love and care, we conclude, purposing to meet in Northbridge, 5th mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5 mo. 8, 1895.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, their Representatives are - from Smithfield, Jessie F. Aldrich, Esther Osborne, Ira B. Steere, and Hen Carpenter; from Uxbridge Adeline L. F. Daniels, Sarah J. Swift Lydia A. Phelps, and Deborah P. Thurston; from Bolton - Abbie Randall and Alice M. Dow, who being called are present except three.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired, Lydia Haight, Mary A. Battey, and Lydia B. Dow are named a committee to confer with suitable Friends to serve the meeting in that capacity the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read with answers to the same from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared to forward to the Yearly Meeting to attend which as our Representatives we appoint Abigail Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Lydia Haight, Lucy [illegible], Susan Ann Gifford Deborah P. Thurston, Ira B. Steere, and Sarah J. Swift.

Bolton Monthly Meeting informs they are united in acknowledging the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Alice M. Dow. Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs they are united in acknowledging the gift in the ministry of Lydia A. Phelps: with which this meeting unites, our Friends concurring therein.

This meeting unites with our Friends in forwarding to the Senate of the United States a protest against the proposed naval appropriation and other warlike defenses.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet at Bolton in 8th month, if permitted.

Sarah J. Swift, Clerk for the day.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except four, and in the Monthly Meeting no mid-week meetings have been held. The attendance is small at our mid-week meetings. The hour is nearly observed.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained and detraction guarded against. No difference have come to our knowledge.

3d. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. Most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually and to some extent collectively, in their families. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry generally maintained.

5th. Friends are generally careful in the several requirements of this query.

6th. There is a care to perform all the requirements of this query.

7th. Clear as regards this query.

8th. The several requirements of this query are carefully observed.

9th. Records are attended to. One removal within the last year without a certificate.

10th. We believe there is no warrant known to administer the discipline in the spirit indicated by the query.

Statistics.

| | Smithfield | Uxbridge | Bolton |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Deaths | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Rec'd by certificate | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| " " request | 1 | | 1 |
| Removed | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Disowned or released | 3 | 2 | |
| Children between 4 & 21 | 13 | 12 | 8 |
| " | | | 8 |
| " attending school | | | 8 |
| " at Friends' School | | 1 | |
| Whole No. members. | 128 | 139 | 90 |

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Bolton, 8 mo. 14, 1890.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, their Representatives are - from Smithfield, Chloe A. Briggs, Sarah Mabbe, and Hattie B. Metcalfe; from Uxbridge, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Anna Maria Rockwood, Deborah P. Atherton, and Adelaide L. F. Daniels; from Bolton, Julia Dorsey and Joanna H. Simmons, who being called are present except one.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward the names of Friends to serve this meeting as clerks the ensuing year, report they are united in proposing Deborah P. Atherton as clerk and Sarah J. Swift as assistant, which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to that service.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they were attended.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Report of the Boarding School at Providence was read at this time.

An epistle from our sisters in London was also read and we were much interested by our friend Susan T. Hempson's account of the circumstances attending the appointment of the Friends who prepared this epistle.

Our friend Phebe Fry, a minister, accompanied by her wife, Mary C. Fry, attended this meeting with a minute of entire unity from Oskaloosa Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, Iowa. Our friend John Newlin also attended this meeting with a minute from Lower Monthly Meeting, held at Somerton, indorsed by Virginia Half-Year's Meeting, held at Black Creek, Va. Our friend, Benjamin Jacquett, accompanied by his wife, Charlotte M. Jacquett, attended this meeting with a minute from Goldstown Monthly Meeting, N. J. Our friend Amos M. Kenworthy also attended this meeting with a minute from Swanson Monthly Meeting. Our friend, David Douglass attended this meeting with a minute from Winthrop Monthly Meeting. The company and gospel labors of these dear friends and also of some Friends without minutes have been very cheering and acceptable to us at this time. The clerk is directed to sign such returning minutes as may be prepared by these Friends.

Bolton Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Sarah J. Wheeler and Abbie H. Randall to visit and Samuel Wheeler, Adelaide C. Wheeler, and Alfred Dorsey as to make members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight. This meeting unites with the judgment of the Monthly Meeting and they are appointed to that service if same Friends concur.

A proposition was also made by Bolton Monthly Meeting to hold our Quarterly Meetings in joint session. On consideration, it appeared to many, felt that the time had not yet come for giving up our separate sessions for social subjects especially interesting to women could be discussed, the subject was deferred till the next Quarterly Meeting.

A committee to cooperate with the gospel committee was appointed at this time consisting of the following Friends: Alice M. Dow, Esther Osborne, Mary A. Bailey, Mabel Wheeler, Anna Maria Rockwood, Alice A. Briggs, and Ann B. Reese.

A committee was appointed from each of the Monthly Meetings to cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's Committee appointed to consider the best method of raising money for the use of the Yearly Meeting. The following Friends were named:

Smithfield, Harriet B. Metcalfe.
Uxbridge, Sarah J. Swift.
Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler.

Our business being finished, we concluded postponing to meet at Uxbridge 11 mo. next.

D. P. Wheeler, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester, 11 mo. 13, 1878.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that their Representatives are — from Smithfield Dora C. Aldrich, Libbie B. Harris, Ann B. Reese, Sarah Osborne, and Maria Aldrich; from Uxbridge, Deborah P. Wheeler, Emma C. Bickford, Sarah J. Swift, Lydia A. Phelps, and Anna Maria Rockwood; from Bolton, Lydia [illegible] and Susan H. Babcock, who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs that it proposes to change the place of holding the meeting in the 1st month from Northbridge to Worcester, which being approved by this meeting, the proposed change will be made.

It also informs that the Sixth day evening meeting in Worcester is discontinued as an established meeting.

Uxbridge also reports that it is united in the re-appointment of Almira Cook as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, with whose appointment this meeting also unites, Ann Friends concerning [illegible]

Our friend, Joseph H. Atwater, a minister attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Providence Monthly Meeting, his ministry and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. We have also with us Rachel [illegible], Friends, not members of any [illegible] Monthly Meeting

whose company and labors have been truly refreshing.

A letter from our sisters in New York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings was received and read.

The report of the committee of Women Friends appointed to attend the Preparative Meeting was read and approved. Minute with many Friends in the appointment of Richard Bailey as Treasurer of this Quarterly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished, we reminded, proposing to meet in Providence 2 mo. 11th.

D. P. Atherton, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence, 2 mo. 12th. 1891.

Epistles received from our several Monthly Meetings. Represented as from Smithfield, Dianna F. Aldrich, Anna R. Aldrich and Mary A. Aldrich; from Richmond per Sarah H. Vickers; Hopkins Purchase and Rebecca L. Atherton; from Providence Alice D. Brown and Julia Day, who are present except ...

The Treasurer's Book was read and found correct. A report was received from each of the Monthly Meetings.

One Friend, Mary Mowry, a minister, is present at this meeting from Monthly Meeting from South Kingston Monthly Meeting.

Our Friend Sarah H. Vickers, a minister, has produced a minute of liberty to visit Friends within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, which was united with. Also a minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting. The company and labors of both these Friends have been truly acceptable to us.

We have also received with a minute from Friends without unity and we can but acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in thus favoring His servants and blessing the sweet messages delivered by them which have greatly comforted and encouraged us.

A letter from Smithfield Monthly Meeting forwarded the minutes of Paul A. Mowry and Thomas J. Hill for said former a minister of the Monthly Meeting in the city and Thomas J. Hill was approved by this meeting, our Friends endorsing them.

An epistle from our sisters in North Carolina was read with ...

This meeting unites with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in ... Friends of the Meeting of Friends and Indian Society ... and some of the Friends within their limits, and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute embodying the sentiment of this Meeting.

Our Friend Sarah H. Vickers, a minister from Richmond Monthly Meeting, ...

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings and also to attend Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This concern has been united with by this Monthly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign a minute as may be prepared by men Friends.

Our Quarterly Meeting is appointed to be held for worship and business to meet at Northbridge 5th mo next.

Deborah P. Atherton, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Northbridge, 5th mo. 14, 1891.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives due from Smithfield, Mary A. Battey, Hannah Sprague, Avis B. Steere, and Abbie H. Shaw; from Uxbridge, Ann K. Cotton, Maria Lockwood, Sarah J. Lunt and Adelaide L. F. Daniels; from Bolton, Susan C. Wheeler and Joanna H. Simmons, who being called are all present, except two.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in proposing the names of James G. Read, George H. Vanney, Sylvester E. Aldrich, Desire F. Aldrich, Sarah Marble, Hattie B. Metcalf and Dora E. Aldrich, as Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, which action was united with by this meeting, men Friends concurring therein.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs that they have united in the appointment of Deborah P. Atherton to the station of Elder, which is approved by this meeting and also by men Friends.

The usual time for the appointment of clerks having arrived, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah Osborne, and Joanna H. Simmons are named a committee to confer with suitable Friends to serve in that capacity and report to our next meeting.

A report of the work of the auxiliaries of the N. E. F. B. S. in this Quarterly Meeting was read at this time and we were much encouraged by the interest in missions shown by this report, and by the statements of several Friends in regard to money contributed outside of this organization.

The Queries have been read, with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings from which a summary had been prepared to present to Yearly Meeting, to attend which as our representatives, we appoint Susan C. Wheeler, Susan Ann Gifford, Mary A. Battey, Maria Lockwood, Lydia A. Kelly, Abigail Wheeler, Susan C. Wheeler, Deborah P. Atherton and Avis B. Steere.

Bolton Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Mary Randall, an Elder, 11th mo. 16, 1891, aged 89 years, 6 months.

We have had with us several dear Friends at this time whose ministering and Gospel services have been very refreshing to us.

Epistles from our sisters in Ohio and Indiana were also read at this meeting.

Our business being accomplished we concluded, purposing with Divine permission, to meet at Bolton the next year.

Deborah F. Atherton Clerk.

## Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1. One Preparative meeting reports several meetings neglected. All our other meetings, except three, have been regularly held. Mid-week meetings are very small. The home generally favored.

2. Love and unity have been generally maintained; detraction prevented against; mostly clear of differences.

3. With a few exceptions, Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families and their children encouraged in this religious duty. A testimony to a free gospel ministry is generally maintained.

5. Friends are careful in the several requirements of this query.

6. The circumstances of the poor are attended to as Friendship opens. Proper care is taken to educate their children.

7. Mostly clear in regard to this query.

8. We think Friends are careful to observe the requirements of this query.

9. Careful as to records and certificates.

10. A care is taken to administer the discipline according to the requirements, but we realize that more work in this line might profitably be done.

## Statistics

| | Smithfield | Uxbridge | Bolton |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Deaths | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Rec'd by certificate | 0 | | |
| " " request | 6 | | 3 |
| Removed | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Disowned or released | 6 | 3 | |
| Children between 4 & 21 | 15 | 10 | |
| " " 12 & 21 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| " attending school | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| " " a Friends school | 2 | 1 | |
| Total No. Members. | 123 | 138 | 92 |

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 13, 1891.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, their representatives are [illegible] Sarah J. Swift, Mercie Richard and Lucinda A. Whitin, Ann Eliza Abbie P. Randall and Joanna H. Simmons, who being called on from which reason was assigned

bring forward the

that the Sarah J. Swift as assistant, which being approved by the meeting, is

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

[illegible] Osborne, Mary A. Battey, Abigail Whitin, [illegible] A. Briggs and Avis B. Steere.

A minute of the Yearly Meeting was read directing that Friends be united to call the attention of our Monthly Meetings to the [illegible] paragraph on page 53, of the Revised Minutes, also to Minute 43, page 33 of the Revised Minutes in regard to the change of [illegible] in the Discipline.

[illegible] being accomplished our business for this meeting, adjourned to meet at Woonsocket, 1th mo. next.

D. C. Whitin, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo 12th, 1891.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that their Representatives are as follows: from Smithfield, Hattie B. Mowry, Alice C. Croston, Belle C. White and Hannah Sprague; from Uxbridge, Anna K. Colton, Sarah J. Swift Adelaide C. P. Sandiby, Mary Sidley, and Debora F. Allen; from Bolton, Abby H. Randall and Susan C. Wheeler, who are present except [illegible] for [illegible] satisfactory reasons were assigned

read at this time, with answers to the 1st and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Ruthan H. Tucker has been very acceptably with us at this [illegible] meeting [illegible] of Lonsdale. We have been brought into deep sympathy with her in her efforts for the [illegible] of our native land, and we trust that her visits through our [illegible] churches may awaken an increased sense of the blessings we enjoy and [illegible] bringing to send the light of the Gospel back to the land [illegible] but which has long sat in darkness and the shadow of death.

Our friend, Levi Seager, a minister, has attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa, indorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting.

Our friend Joseph H. Atwater, has attended this meeting with a minute [illegible] Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] Smith, has also attended this [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] of the Quarterly Meeting.

Our business having been accomplished, we conclude, [illegible] at Worcester, with Friends' permission, 2d month next.

D. F. Atherton, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Worcester, 2 mo 11, 1892.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, their representatives are — from Smithfield, Anna B. Cranston, Grace L. Phillips, Desire J. Aldrich; from Uxbridge, Lydia A. Phelps, Sarah J. Farnum, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift; from Bolton, Dorcas H. Babcock and Susan E. Wheeler, who are present, except three who were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our dear aged Friend, Nathan Douglass, has attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting. His encouraging and gospel labors as well as those of some other Friends present without minutes, have been truly acceptable and helpful to us.

Epistles from our sisters of Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings were read at this time.

A proposition having been made at this time to hold the Quarterly Meeting in the Fifth month at Woonsocket instead of Smithfield, and also one to change the time of holding the Quarterly Meetings in Fifth and Eleventh months from Fifth day to Seventh day of the same week, we appoint Mary A. Bailey, Hattie B. Metcalf, Sabrina C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Nicholas M. Hall and Susan H. Babcock to unite with a committee appointed by men Friends in considering the question, and report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet at Smithfield in the 2nd month of the Year hereof.

D. F. Wheeler, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Smithfield, 5th mo. 12, 1892.

The accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we represented are — from Smithfield, Esther Osborne, Sarah E. Harvey, Mary A. Bailey, and Avis B. Steere; from Uxbridge, Ann K. Cattle, Deborah F. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, and Lydia A. Phelps; from Bolton Sarah J. Wheeler and Abbie B. Randall, who are present report that for the absence of one a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the same from each of our Monthly Meetings from which a representation has been expected to Quarterly Meeting, to attend which our next Representatives we appoint Sabrina C. Wheeler, Mary A. Bailey, Sarah J. Wheeler, Susan C. Wheeler, Avis B. Steere, Sarah J. Swift, Abigail Wheeler, and Rachel Steere.

The usual time for the appointment of clerks having arrived, Susan H. Babcock, Avis B. Steere, Lydia Phelps and Abigail Wheeler are appointed to confer with faithful Friends to serve in that capacity and report to our next meeting.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to consider the changes proposed in holding the Quarterly Meeting, reported that in their judgment the time has not yet arrived for making any change which decision was united with by this meeting, men Friends concurring therein.

Our usual quota of printed matter has been received from the Yearly Meeting and distributed among our subordinate meetings.

A report from the Quarterly Meeting Vice-President of the W. F. M. A. shows that there is a considerable and, we trust, a growing interest in

mission work, especially among our young people.

We are informed by our Friends that they have decided to request the Yearly Meeting to memorialize the directors of the Columbian Exposition in favor of closing the Exposition on the first day of the week and also of prohibiting the sale of liquor on the grounds. This concern was united with fully by this meeting.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude, purposing with Friends permission, to meet at Bolton 5 mo. next.

Deborah P. Atherton, Clerk

## Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1. Most of our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held; 17 were omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather and two small meetings were held but a few times during the year. First day meetings are attended by a large proportion of our members but mid week meetings are generally small. The peace is generally observed.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained; detractions guarded against; differences have come to our knowledge with slight exceptions in our meetings.

3. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and some collectively in their families and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry generally maintained.

5. Careful in the several requirements of this query.

6. Where any poor require help need assistance; their necessities are relieved and care is taken to educate their children.

7. Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

8. Friends are watchful as regards the several parts of this query.

9. Careful as to records and certificates.

10. The Discipline, when administered, is done in Christian love, sometimes speedily but not always as timely as would be best.

Statistics

| | Smithfield | Uxbridge | Bolton |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaths | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Received by certificate | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| " request | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Removed | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Disowned & released | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Children between 4 & 21 | 8 | 9 | 12 |
| " " 12 & 21 | | 4 | |
| " Attending school | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| " at Friends School | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Whole No. reported | 126 | 106 | 90 |

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Bolton, 2nd mo. 4th, 1892.

By certificates received from our several Monthly Meetings, the following Representatives are – from Smithfield, Mary A. Battey, Laura A. Read, and Sarah Steere; from Uxbridge, Salome C. Wheeler, Mary J. Swift, Adelaide A. F. Daniels, and Abigail Wheeler; from Bolton, Frances M. Sherwood and Adelaide A. Wheeler, who being called, was present, and took her seat.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward the names of two Friends to serve this meeting as clerks for the ensuing year, report that they are united in proposing Richard P. Wheeler as Clerk and Sarah J. Swift as Assistant, who being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to that service.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 11th from Uxbridge and Bolton, but owing to a misunderstanding no answers were received from Smithfield.

A Committee to correspond with the Gospel Committee, was appointed at this time, consisting of the following Friends: Alice M. Dana, Esther Osborne, Mary A. Battey, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, and Ann C. Dana.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs us that it is united in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance of Ann C. Dana, which action was approved by this meeting, but minute not being prepared in due time it was not forwarded, the request was deferred to the next meeting.

The same meeting informed that it has decided to drop the Preparative Meeting at Uxbridge, joining the members to Smithfield Preparative Meeting, but leaving them at liberty to hold an indulged meeting under care of the overseers.

In accordance with the request of the Yearly Meeting, we have concurred with men Friends in the appointment of Wm. J. Mann as Superintendent of Bible Schools for this Quarterly Meeting.

We have also been informed by the Yearly Meeting that the Discipline has been so changed that the Queries shall be answered only at the Quarterly Meeting immediately preceding the Yearly Meeting, but shall be read, together with the answered queries, at every Quarterly Meeting.

Our dear aged Friend, Wm. J. Johnson, a minister, has attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Plainfield Monthly Meeting endorsed by Plainfield Quarterly Meeting. His company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us

An epistle was read at this time from our brethren in Baltimore, also a minute of sympathy from New York.

Our beloved friend Richard Bailey was liberated to attend the Yearly Meeting in Baltimore, if his way open.

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At Smithfield, 11th mo. 9th, Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 10th, 1892

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the Representatives are from Smithfield, Jesse H. Arnold and Mary A. Miller and Anna C. Swift and Sarah J. Thomas; from Bolton, Dorcas H. Babcock and Sarah J. Rhodes, all present, except two.

The Queries have been read at this time and also the unanswered Queries, as directed by the late Yearly Meeting.

Sarah M. Mowry and Hannah H. Lapham request the names of Samuel Rhodes, Alfred Dove, and Adelaide E. Wheeler as associate members of this Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, which names are united with by this meeting, being duly approved of by them.

Our dear Friends, Williams and Susan S. Thompson, were at this meeting with us, having come from New Bedford Monthly Meeting. Their company & gospel services have been truly acceptable to us. Several other Friends have also been with us whose company and labors have also been to our edification.

The report of the committee of men Friends appointed to meet Rhoda Williams's account has been read and approved.

[illegible] appointment of Sarah J. Rhodes as one of the Assistant Clerks of this Meeting

[illegible] read at this time from Baltimore, [illegible]

We have united with men Friends in sending a letter to Richard Bailey expressing our appreciation of his love and faithful services in the Quarterly Meeting and also our sympathy on account of the bodily weakness which prevents his presence with us at this time.

Men Friends inform that they unite with this meeting in uniting with the Quarterly Meeting, Minister in acknowledging the gift in the ministry of Arthur H. Swift.

Our business being finished we conclude, purposing to meet at Woonsocket 12 mo. 8th.

[illegible]

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5 mo 9th 1873.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are - from Smithfield, Sarah C. Tawney, Anna B. Cranston and Mary A. Battey; from Uxbridge Lydia A. Phelps, Ann K. Collins and Deborah P. Atherton; from Bolton, Hannah L. Wheeler and Abby W. Randall, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read at this time together with the unanswered Queries.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs that Daniel Wheeler has been appointed its correspondent, in place of James G. Arnold, deceased.

Epistles have been read from our sisters of Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings and also one from Rahwellah.

A report was read from the Trustees of the Stephen Albright Fund.

With feelings of gratitude to Him who has so blessed our assembly at this time, we conclude by proposing to meet at Northbridge, 5 mo next.

Deborah P. Atherton, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Northbridge, 5 mo 11, 1873

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are - from Smithfield, Alice R. Cranston, Laura A. Read and Ann B. Steere; from Uxbridge Lucy Kelly, Deborah P. Atherton and Sarah J. Swift. from Bolton, Alice M. Dodd and Abbie W. Randall, who are present except one.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired we appoint Mary A. Battey, Salome C. Wheeler and Abbie W. Randall to confer with suitable Friends to serve the meeting in that capacity and report to our next meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared to forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, to attend which as our Representatives we appoint Salome C. Wheeler, Mary A. Battey, Abbie W. Randall, Sarah J. Wheeler, Abigail Wheeler and Sarah J. Swift.

Our dear friend, Rufus P. King, a minister, has attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C. endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting. His company and gospel services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our dear friend, Wm P. Pinkham, a minister, has attended this meeting with a sojourning minute of unity from Falmouth Monthly Meeting. His company and services have been very acceptable to us.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Jennie Allen. This meeting was in unity with the action of the Monthly Meeting, but a letter having been received from her, objecting to the acknowledgment of her gift at this time, the subject is referred back to the Monthly Meeting in the hope that on further consideration she may feel willing to acquiesce in their judgment.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting also informs that they are united in appointing as Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, James S. Read, Geo. F. Varney, Sylvester S. Aldrich, Desire F. Aldrich, Harriet B. Metcalfe, Dora E. Aldrich, Sarah Marble and Laura A. Read, with which action this meeting unites our Friends concurring therein.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs of the decease of Phebe M. Pitts, an elder, 6 mo 12, 1892, aged 83 years, 8 ms. 23 da.

Our usual quota of printed matter has been received from the Yearly Meeting and distributed among our subordinate meetings.

A report from the Woodland Meeting Vice President of the W.F.M.S. was read showing the work done in the Q. M. We hope that the interest will continue to increase till all of our members who can do so, take active part in this work.

Epistles have been read at this time from London, Kansas and North Carolina.

A minute sent by the Representative Meeting* informs us that the approaching Yearly Meeting will be held in Portland.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude purposing to meet at Bolton 8 mo next.

Deborah P. Atherton, Clerk.

Summary of Answers to the Queries

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except nine, omitted on account of inclement weather. Meetings on First-da. are attended by the greater part of our members. Midweek meetings very small. The hour is nearly observed.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction is guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually and some collectively in their families and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is generally maintained.

5. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; careful in regard to the other parts of this query.

6. Care is taken to observe the requirements of this query.

7. Clear as to the several particulars of this query.

8. Friends are careful in the requirements of this query.

9. Records and certificates are attended to.

10. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always timely.

Statistics

| | Smithfield | Uxbridge | Bolton |
|---|---|---|---|
| Births | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaths | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Rec'd by Request | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " " Certificate | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Released | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Disowned | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Removed | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Children between 4 & 21 | 12 | 8 | 14 |
| " " 12 & 21 | 7 | 6 | 11 |
| " attending school | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| " " " below 12 & 21 | 4 | 0 | |
| " " " taught by Friends | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Total No. members | 122 | 98 | 89 |

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton, 8mo 16, 1893.

By account received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are-from Smithfield Mary A. Bailey and Sarah E. Varney, from Uxbridge, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Swift, and Deborah F. Atherton; from Bolton, Lucas H. Babcock and Adelaide C. Wheeler, who being called are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward the names of two Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks the ensuing year report that they are united in proposing Deborah F. Atherton as clerk and Sarah J. Swift as assistant, which being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to that service.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting appointed but not two attended, the others being unavoidably prevented by sickness.

The queries have been read at this time and also the unanswered Queries.

A committee to correspond with the Gospel Committee was appointed at this time consisting of the following Friends: Mary A. Bailey, Lydia A. Healy, Adelaide C. A. Daniels and Adelaide C. Wheeler.

Our Friends Lucas H. Babcock is appointed Superintendent of Bible School Work in this Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year, our Friends approving.

Epistles from our sisters of Dublin and New York have been acceptably read at this time.

The business of our meeting having been concluded we adjourn pursuing to meet at Woonsocket 11th mo next.

Salome C. Wheeler,
Clerk for the day.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Woonsocket, 11 mo. 9, 1893.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the Representatives are - from Smithfield, Desire F. Aldrich, Sarah E. Varney and Abby H. Shaw; from Uxbridge, Emma C. Swift, Deborah F. Atherton and Lucy Kelley; from Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler and Abbie W. Randall, who are present, except two.

The Queries have been read at this time and also the unanswered Queries.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Y. M. Com. on Bible schools, the Quar. Meeting Supt. of Bible Schools presented to the meeting reports from 3 schools of the Quarterly Meeting.

We have with us at this time several dear Friends from other Quarterly Meetings, whose company and services have been very refreshing and edifying to us.

The report of the Committee of men Friends to audit the Treasurer's account has been read and approved and we unite in the appointment of Elisha T. Read as Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet at Worcester 2 mo next

Deborah P. Atherton Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester, 2d mo. 8th, 1894.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the Representatives are - from Smithfield, Lois A. Aldrich, Anna H. Aldrich, and Anna B. Cranston; from Uxbridge, Lydia A. Phelps, Salome C. Wheeler and Emma C. Swift. from Bolton, Joanna H. Simmons and Dorcas H. Babcock, who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time and also the unanswered Queries

A ~~proposition~~ was made by Bolton Monthly Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting should be held as a united meeting. This meeting approved of the proposition so far as to hold united meeting when so desired, which was concurred in by Men Friends. Our Representatives having met with those of the Men's Meeting for the selection of clerks, report that they were united in proposing the name of Deborah P. Atherton as clerk of the united meeting and Nathan Babcock as assistant, which being approved by this meeting and the Men's Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Our dear aged Friend, Lurian Douglass is present at this meeting with a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting His counsels and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. We have also had several other dear Friends with us very acceptably without minutes, whose presence and services have been very strengthening and edifying.

Our business having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet as a united meeting at Northbridge in 5th month next.

Deborah P. Atherton, Clerk.